

### STATE NEWS.

Alexander county has endorsed A. C. McIntosh for State Senator.

Charlotte defeats Salisbury by a score of 15 to 3 in a game of base ball.

Hon. W. H. Bower was renominated by acclamation for Congress at the Wilkesboro convention July 25th.

Mr. R. L. Leatherwood, of Swain county, has been nominated for the State Senate from the 34th district.

The Democratic convention of the 3rd Congressional District has retired Hon. B. F. Grady by nominating John G. Shaw for Congress.

Catawba College will open this year Aug. 15th. Prospects for a full school flattering. Miss Mary Cline will conduct the Primary Department.

The sale of the News and Observer property has been confirmed at the suggestion of Receiver Holman. "A strong stock company, it is said, will operate the paper."

The Democratic convention of the thirty-first district, which assembled at Marion Saturday, nominated E. J. Justice, of McDowell, and G. Ellis Gardiner, of Yancey, for the State Senate.

Mrs. Anne McCarter, an elderly lady residing in the vicinity of King's Mountain, was recently burned to death. While cooking breakfast her dress caught fire with the above result.

A row occurred at Murphy last week during an exhibition of Eddy Bros. circus, in which Marshal J. W. Watson shot and killed John Dockery and was himself cut in the throat, perhaps, fatally.

Next year the alumni of the State University will assemble at Chapel Hill to celebrate its hundredth anniversary. The coming event should arouse our State pride and call forth every effort to make the occasion a memorable one.

Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt has recently purchased 98,000 acres of land in the mountains adjoining his estate near Asheville. It is stated that he intends to engage in Forestry cultivation and a game preserve on a very grand scale.

Mr. H. B. Carter was nominated for Judge by the Democrats of the 12th Judicial District on the 26th ult. The result was reached on the second ballot, the vote standing as follows: Carter, 115; Ferguson, 79; Shuford, 14. George A. Jones, of Franklin, was nominated for solicitor.

Mr. A. D. Watts in a communication to the Charlotte Observer says: What is the matter with Judge R. F. Armfield for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina? This is a time when we want no-doubting Thomases on guard; therefore, I am opposed to Justice Walter Clark and in favor of Judge Armfield.

Incredible as it may appear the bronze monument erected several years ago on Mitchell's Peak, to the memory of Professor Elisha Mitchell, who lost his life in the exploration of Black Mountain, has been brutally desecrated, and the nature of the vandalism shows the acts to have been committed by persons who desire notoriety at the expense of the proprieties accorded by civilization to the sanctities of the grave.

A Citizen reporter, who made the ascent of the Blacks to the peak on Saturday last, has returned to Asheville and states the disfigurement of the shaft and the condition of the grave to be of the worst condition.—[Asheville Citizen.

It stated in the papers that sand filtration of water similar to the English plan has been tried in Lawrence, Mass., where typhoid fever has been very prevalent, with the result of general improvement in the public health. This reminds us that the Durham Water Co., filters our water supply through gravel from Lake Saginaw, the same process as the English plan, and better, clearer water you will not find anywhere. This gravel is peculiarly adapted to the purpose because its edges are sharp, not round, and it more successfully purifies the water. We venture to say that the Durham water cannot be beat, and its analysis shows that it would be difficult to find purer.—[Durham Sun.

## COAL IS THE HITCH.

### Mr. Cleveland Wants It Admitted Free of Duty.

### THEY AGREE ON SUGAR.

Whitney and Ex-Governor Russell Have Money Invested—The President Will Sign Any Bill That Comes to Him.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The only difference between the house and the senate conferees on the tariff bill now is the coal schedule. It is understood that the difference on the sugar schedule will be adjusted on a duty of 45 cents flat, with the bounty for the fractional part of this year, which will amount to about \$5,000,000.

This is entirely satisfactory to the sugar senators. The strange feature about the question is that the administration favors the senate schedule, which gives 40 per cent ad valorem and 1 cent differential on refined sugar. This is the schedule that was written by Secretary Carlisle.

The sugar schedule has never been the bone of contention between the senate and the administration, and Luncombe talk was indulged in on the part of the house committee when the report was made to that body that the conferees had failed to agree, and there was much applause on these remarks, but when the president's letter was read he made no objections to the sugar schedule, and it has developed since that he does not oppose it, but is satisfied with it. Nor does he make any special point on iron, but coal is what he wants on the free list. He is willing for the house to yield all their claims for free coal.

The senate committee will not yield this. They have offered to the house committee the reciprocity with Canada on coal. Canada now has a duty of 67 cents a ton on coal imported into that country. This deprives our coal mines in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and the south from shipping any coal to Canada, and the senators from those states say it is unfair to let the Nova Scotia miners have free trade with New England and our south Atlantic states and along our lake shores unless Canada will do the same for us. If they will give reciprocity, they say, they can compete in Canada with the Nova Scotia mines in the western part of Canada and as far as Toronto.

There is strong pressure for free coal. The Nova Scotia mines belong to the Canadian government. They have leased the mines to a strong syndicate controlling the Canadian Pacific. To this syndicate has been added strong financial men in Boston and New York. Mr. Russell, who was the democrat candidate for governor at the last election in Massachusetts, and who was so ingloriously defeated by the present republican governor, Greenhalge, is at the head of the Boston capitalists in the Nova Scotia syndicate, the Hon. William C. Whitney is at the head of the New York parties interested in the syndicate. All the parties interested are strong friends of President Cleveland.

President Cleveland says that with free coal the democratic party can double its democratic representation in congress. In fact, he thinks it will eventually win the New England states to the democratic party. It has always been a fad with the president to strengthen the democratic party in New England.

### A \$10,000 NOTE.

Went to the Wrong Man, Who is Arrested For Keeping It.

DENVER, July 28.—Fred C. King, General Manager of the Darragh Manufacturing Company, has been arrested near Telluride on complaint of Postoffice Inspector McMichen. King is charged with unlawful detention of a letter containing a negotiable note for \$10,000 intended for F. C. King, a wealthy resident of Rochester, N. Y., which was delivered to the Denver man by mistake.

### CATAWBA COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Rock-Ribbed Democracy of Catawba Meet in Newton.

As Maj. Finger said in addressing the County Convention of Catawba Democrats. "This is the finest body of men I ever saw assembled in this Court House." They met last Tuesday at Newton. There was not a spark of untoward ill feeling exhibited. There was difference of opinion about men, but these did not jar heavily or leave any unkind thoughts. As becomes Democrats, and is their old custom, every thing was accepted as settled and with good grace when the majority decided.

There was not a contesting delegation or delegate. The remarks of Maj. Finger upon taking the chairmanship after his election, were very appropriate and well timed. The large Court House was crowded with people and they all showed that they were very much interested and in earnest.

After the nominations were concluded there was a general returning of thanks and good will and a pledging of support. We have nothing whatever to say against the ticket but every thing to say in its favor individually, and collectively. So here's a "hooray" for every one of them. Here is the list.

For the Lower House of the next General Assembly of North Carolina, Hon. S. T. Wilfong; Sheriff, M. J. Rowe; County clerk, M. O. Sherrill; Register, G. W. Cochran; Treasurer, John Gabriel; Surveyor, J. W. Mouser; Coroner, J. A. Arnt.

The vote in the county convention for Congressman stood as follows: Hall 37; Henderson 20; Shipp 9; Turner 14; Finger 4.

Mr. L. L. Witherspoon carried the county instructions for Judge of the Superior Court of this district.

The following gentlemen were named as the Executive Committee: A. A. Shuford, Chairman, Hickory; J. W. Long, Catawba; J. L. Goodman, Plateau; F. A. Yoder, Yoder; John Epps, Carson; W. E. Wilson, Sherrill's Ford; W. B. Gaither, Newton.

State delegates: Col. M. E. Thornton, J. G. Hall, J. D. Elliott, A. A. Shuford, E. B. Cline, C. C. Bost.

Congressional delegates: A. A. Shuford, William Yoder, J. D. Elliott, W. P. Cline, J. N. Bohannon, T. M. Huffman, T. E. Field, R. L. Fritz, J. L. Lyerly.

Judicial delegates: A. C. Link, E. B. Jones, E. L. Shuford, W. A. Self, G. M. Barger, Chas. Cline, J. H. Aiken, J. A. Martin, E. B. Cline.

Senatorial delegates: J. Lee Hawn, Abel Whitener, H. A. Bolch, Sydney Whitener, S. E. Killian, P. C. Hall, J. A. Whitener, L. H. Yount, N. A. Whitener.

A resolution was adopted indorsing Col. S. Mc D. Tate for State Treasurer; also one providing for a primary election in December or January (the time to be fixed by the County executive Committee) for the purpose of giving the voters of Catawba County an opportunity to express their preference for United States Senator.

### Complication of Law Suits.

Mrs. Maud G. Shuler, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has brought suit against Mr. Frank R. Whiting and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Thornton on account of the residence now occupied by the latter in Hickory, and over which there has been and is much litigation pending, and through her attorneys, Mr. Walker, of Charlotte, and Mr. Witherspoon, of Newton, has made a motion for a receiver for the property, which motion is ordered to be heard before Judge Whitaker at Marion on the 22nd of August.

It seems that Mrs. Shuler is unable to make clear title to the property, and in addition to this there is a suit pending to subject the property to the payment of the debts of her late husband, D. W. Shuler, and the defunct Bank of Hickory, or Citizen's Bank of Hickory.

Col. and Mrs. Thornton will not pay the balance on the property until they get a clear title deed. They also require that they shall be reimbursed their money and paid for their actual losses sustained before they allow a rescinding of the contract and yield possession of the property. They have at all times been ready to comply with the contract.

Mrs. Shuler makes allegations in her complaint and affidavit, which it is claimed are absolutely untrue and are libelous.

## FAMINE HOVERS IN THE AIR.

### Dreadful Havoc of the Drought In Kansas and Nebraska.

### GREAT DANGER FROM FIRE

Thousands of Farmers Stand Helpless Watching Their Crops Scorch. Disheartened Settlers Abandon Their Homes and Hurry Away.

DENVER, July 28.—Passengers arriving on all trains from the East report widespread destruction through Kansas and Nebraska to growing crops on account of the hot winds. Supt. Bell, of the Burlington road, says that figures will hardly express the damage that has been wrought within the past week. Two weeks ago it was estimated by experts that Nebraska had contributed 400,000,000 bushels of corn to the world's product of 1894. Mr. Campbell prophesies that it will be necessary to ship corn into many counties of Nebraska in order to allow farmers to live until another season. Hundreds of square miles of the finest looking corn hangs dry and lifeless over an extent of territory as large as the State of Pennsylvania.

The report from the lines of the Union Pacific, Burlington Rock Island Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe are all of the same tenor. Passengers from the car windows look out upon vast fields of corn and thousands of acres of hay rendered absolutely worthless by the breath of the simoon. In many places the farmers anticipated the corn destruction that was borne upon the air, and several days ago they began to cut the corn as it stood green in the fields. Their object was to save the corn for fodder. Thousands of farmers stood helpless along the fields, watching with gloomy forebodings, while the dreaded blast from the southwest did its deadly work. Their only hope is that bounteous rains may start another grass crop before it is too late in the season.

Travelers also report that the high-ways leading eastward through Nebraska and Kansas are already thronged with disheartened settlers, who have abandoned their homes and are hurrying toward Iowa and Missouri for relief from the almost unbearable heat. A similar scene has not been witnessed since 1873, when the hot winds almost depopulated Western Kansas.

Deserted towns and lonely houses standing out in the naked plains are silent witnesses of the memorable exodus of 1873. The year following came the grasshopper plague, from which it took Kansas ten years to recover.

Railroad men look on the advent of the hot winds in Kansas and Nebraska this year as vastly more damaging to the railroad interests than the recent strike. The strike was of short continuance, but the failing of the crops in the regions east of the mountains will be keenly felt by the railroad companies for many months to come.

The disaster will be felt in Colorado in many ways, one of which will be the inability of a large region to buy coal mined in the Rocky Mountains. Colorado cattle men have been accustomed to ship their cattle to Kansas and Nebraska to be fattened for the market. With the corn crop more than 50 per. cent. short, it will be a serious matter with the cattle men to find a fattening ground for their stock. Denver has drawn large quantities of produce of all kinds from the region which has been afflicted with the hot winds. A new source of supply must be found.

Reports at the railway offices also show that there is great danger of fires along the railway tracks, and the roads will be required to take extra precautions to prevent extensive prairie fires. The dry grass will be a constant source of danger for months to come.

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### GENERAL NEWS.

The Black Plague is still raging in Canton district in China. 120,000 people have died of it.

The weather is so hot in all parts of Europe that they say it is the warmest known for a long series of years.

It has been the hottest weather in the North during the last few days since 1881. It has also been hot here in the South.

All the railroads entering Chicago and which suffered loss by the recent Debbs strike have given notice to the city and county of their claims for damages.

It is said the great meat packing houses in Chicago will be moved west. The switching charges are so high in Chicago. Sioux City will be the principal objective point.

The Republican and Populist leaders met in Raleigh last Monday to talk about Fusion—making another party as it were—but did nothing special, only to adjourn over until Tuesday.

China has not actually declared war against Japan because she is endeavoring to obtain all the supplies and ammunitions of war and war vessels into her own ports before an open declaration is made.

It is conceded that Ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton will be the next Republican candidate for Governor of New York. He is now in France, but the plans have been arranged even better than if he were at home.

The House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization has reported favorably a bill by Mr. Lockwood of N. Y., which is radical in its nature in the exclusion of all alien laborers from the United States and especially those from Canada and Mexico.

It seems that Russia and the United States, France and probably Germany are on the side with Japan in the war with China about Korea, and England, Italy and some others are with China. It is said that England dominates China. It looks now as if it commences in earnest.

The miscreants who tarred and feathered Adjt. Genl. Tarnsey at Colorado Springs have been ferreted out and some of them have been arrested. It is said there are two women in the gang. The others are miners and etc., and one of them is J. J. Mullins, a son of a wealthy Boston mine owner. He furnished the money to buy the tar and feathers.

### Facetious Hotness.

The N. Y. Sun of last Friday mops its brows and browses among the mops, while it wipes up the avenue of facetious innuendo in trying to connect the Governor of North Carolina with the condition of the hot weather in New York city. The two have no connection and the Sun should cease being envious of the Governor of North Carolina. Read what it says:

"Polar bears committed suicide yesterday, and the Antarctic pole was sunstruck, and all the regions of rock-ribbed ice were insufficient for their own cups and juleps. The whole earth was changed into a sea of perspiration. Mountains of snow got into their own eyes and perished. The face of dawn was ruddier than a charwoman's at Monday noon. The sunset was as ruddy as if it looked on Sheol, as the Anglo Saxons used to say. There was just one cool man in the universe. The Hon. Elias Carr, Governor of North Carolina, sat on the steps of the State House at Raleigh and enjoyed the shade of his world's-record mustachios. They sougled with a delightful tune. He fell asleep. The birds rested on the frosty tops and mighty tips of that capillary wonder of the world. The dew bathed it. The west wind stole through it on tiptoe. The eagle reared in the ravine between the two great wooded hills. Her scream roused Elias Carr this morning."

### Changed Hands.

President Samuel Spencer, Third Vice-President W. H. Baldwin, jr., Traffic Manager Culp and General Passenger Agent Purk, of the Southern Railway company passed through Hickory last Tuesday on their way to Knoxville, where at midnight the formality of turning over the E. T. V. & G. R. R. to the Southern Railway Company, making a most gigantic system.